

## AMERICAN FARMER IS VERY FORTUNATE

Had Two Years to Get Top Prices for Crops Before Our Nation Entered War.

(By the Liberty Loan Committee of the Treasury Department.)

With practically every great food-producing country in the world, Argentina excepted, now engaged in the great world war, the tillers of the soil find the nations turning to them for bread. This war has proved a gold mine to the farmer, not only here in America, but all over the world. A man with food to sell has made money wherever he marketed his produce.

The American farmer has been particularly fortunate. The United States held aloof from the struggle for two years and the American farmer received top prices for bumper crops. The wealth of the world flowed into his lap, while Sweden, Dane, Frenchman, Englishman and Italian breakfasted, dined and supped off the crops and cattle he sent abroad.

All that is changed now. The United States has entered the war, and what, for two years, meant the American farmer's opportunity to make money, now means his opportunity to show hard, common sense and patriotism. In the first place, his government must be supported in this war against German autocracy in the form of submarines, or his crops will not get to market and he will not be able to get his share of the world's wealth. That is the hard, common sense of it. And, if his government is not supported by his money, it will not be able to purchase from him here in the home markets. That also is hard, common sense.

In the second place, the farmer's patriotism should tell him that the government at Washington has given him laws and an assurance of protection for his property and his rights as a free citizen, should be supported by his money—not because that government at Washington is something apart from him, but because the government is himself and his neighbor to the south and his neighbor to the east and all his neighbors in the state and in the United States. The government is ourselves and we should know enough to display practical enthusiasm for our own good fortune and our own ideas of what is right and lawful among nations and individuals to back our opinion with our money and our lives.

### PENNSYLVANIA'S NET INCOME \$39,281,585

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 5.—New freight and passenger carrying records were made by the Pennsylvania railroad system in 1915, says the annual report of the company made public tonight. The freight service, compared with 1914, a record year, increased 1,963,192,581 ton miles and the passenger service 855,195,091 passenger miles. There were 216,570,724 passengers carried, an increase of 21,129,848 over the previous record year.

The report states that the freight ton mileage of all Pennsylvania lines east and west of Pittsburgh in 1915 exceeded by more than 60 percent the combined annual ton mileage before the war of all the railroads in Great Britain and France.

As a result of the year's service the Pennsylvania railroad company, the parent corporation of the system, earned a net income of \$39,281,585, which after providing for the sinking and other reserve funds, represented 7.4 percent on the capital stock. With the payment of the usual six percent dividend, the balance was appropriated for the first quarterly dividend of this year. The net income was \$12,994,919 less than in 1914, despite the increased service. This was chiefly due to higher wages, increased cost of materials, traffic congestion and embargoes.

The return earned on the total investment in road and equipment provided for public use, east and west, was 4.5 percent as 6.1 percent in 1914.

During the year approximately 278,000 persons were employed throughout the system to keep up the average force of about 250,000.

### LENROOT ENDORSED BY G. O. P. CONFEREES

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 5.—Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot of the eleventh Wisconsin district, tonight was endorsed as the republican candidate for United States senator at the primary election, March 19, by a republican conference which met here today. The vote was Lenroot 47; former Gov. F. E. McGovern 45; and Gov. Philipp 1.

Both McGovern and Lenroot had filed their signed petitions, with the secretary of state and it was for the purpose of avoiding a three-cornered contest that today's meeting was held.

James Thompson of LaCrosse, known as the La Follette candidate, will seek election at the primaries. The vacancy to be filled was caused by the death of Sen. Huston.

### CONNY SHEA "IN BAD"

CHICAGO, March 5.—Cornelius Shea, who gained nation-wide notoriety a decade ago as the leader of the Chicago teamsters' strike, was arrested today, charged with making disloyal utterances. Shea is said to have spoken disloyally when a man from whom he was trying to collect union dues complained that he had bought so many Liberty bonds he could not pay his dues.



## Home Garden Plan Saves Time, Money and Labor for Gardener

### PLAN AND PREPARE.

Prepare to do your part in increasing America's food supply by raising your own vegetables in your home garden.

Plan your garden on paper. Map out your campaign. You will profit through time, labor, and money saved.

Planning is preparing.

Plan your home garden in advance. Make a diagram of the available space; allot the ground to the vegetables you want to grow. Prepare to make your garden work until frost next fall. That is advice to home gardeners by horticulturists of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Do your planning around the winter lamp. Interest in it all members of the family, especially the children who, by being given a partnership now, will know their duties when the time comes. Read such gardening publications as are available. Write to the department of agriculture for a home gardening bulletin.

In making a diagram of the garden it is well to use tough paper, such as heavy wrapping paper, which will stand repeatedly handling out of doors. A fairly large scale should be adopted so that full notes can be kept in the spaces representing rows. If the garden is fairly large or abnormally long the diagram may be made in separate sections for the sake of convenience.

### Plan for Home Needs.

A typical plan of this character is shown in the illustration. This plan, of course, is of use chiefly as an example, and in most cases a different arrangement will be necessary to meet the conditions surrounding individual garden spaces. On the plan the gardener may indicate the approximate date when each of his projected crops is to be planted. No more space should be allotted to each than is needed to furnish a sufficient quantity of the vegetable for family consumption or for other known needs.

Make the garden work all summer. Make your plans so that when one crop is ready for the table or for canning another vegetable can be planted between the old rows and new plantings can take the space vacated. Many home gardeners seem content to raise a single crop on each plot of land at their disposal, but it is quite possible to grow two or three crops of some vegetables in one season.

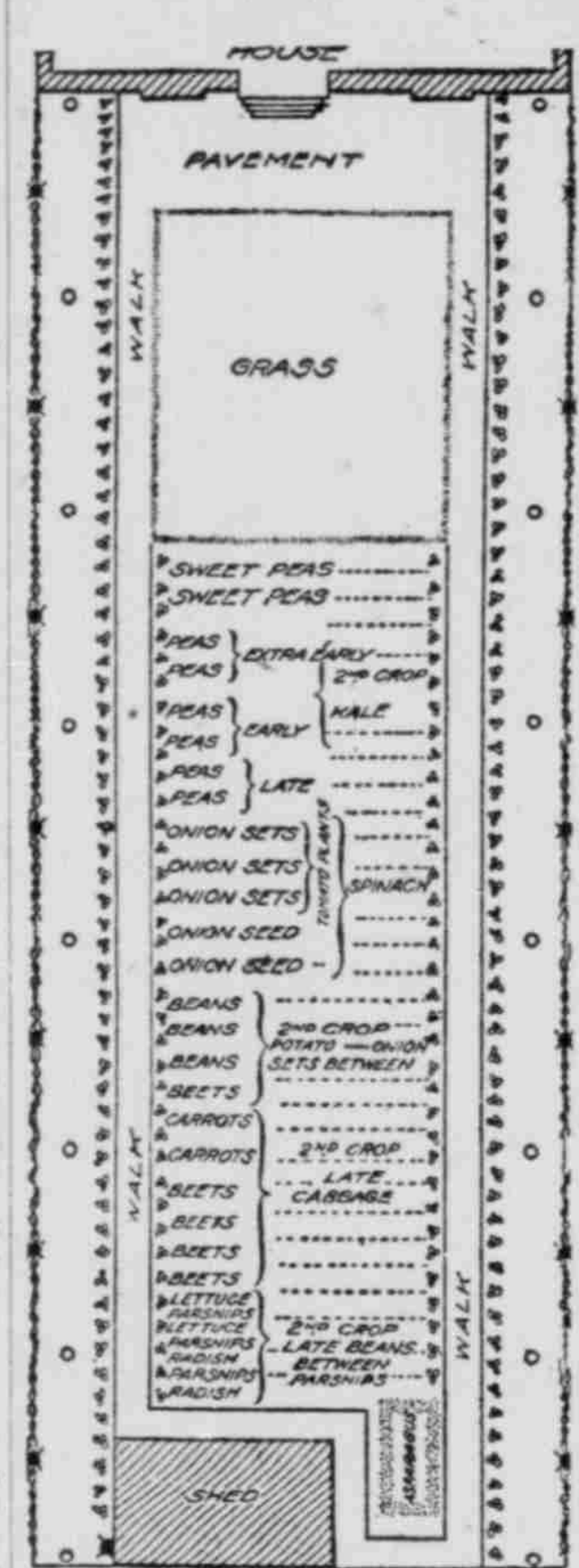
A primary consideration in arranging the garden is the kind of cultivation to be employed. Where the work is to be done mainly by means of horse-drawn tools the arrangement should be such as to give the longest possible rows and a straight outline should be followed. The garden should be free from paths across the rows and turning spaces should be provided at the ends. For hand cultivation (the method that probably will be used by most home gardeners), the arrangement can be quite different, as the garden may be laid out in sections with transverse walks, and the rows can be much closer for most crops.

### Remember Early Vegetables.

It is also important to consider the location of permanent crops such as asparagus and rhubarb. If any of the small fruits such as raspberries, currants and gooseberries are to be planted within the garden inclosure they should be included with the permanent crops. The location and area for the hotbed, cold frame or seed bed should be decided upon, although these may be shifted to some convenient place outside the garden.

Where there is great variety in the composition of the soil in different parts of the garden it will be advisable to note this when arranging for the location of the various crops. Such crops as celery, onions and late cabbage should be planted in land that is not too low

### PLAN FOR A SMALL GARDEN.



In this plan all the vegetables named are planted in rows across from the inside lateral rows of strawberries. As rapidly as each kind of peas mature and the crop is over, kale is planted in its place. The ground is to be used for tomatoes is first planted with onion sets, and these onions are used as rapidly as needed. When the time comes to set out the tomatoes, some of the onions are dug to make space for the tomato plants. When the tomato crop is over, the ground is occupied by spinach as the third crop. Spinach is also planted as soon as the bulb onions from the side are gathered. The beans, carrots, and peas are succeeded by late cabbage, and between the rows of late cabbage "pota-onion" sets are planted. Late beans are planted between the rows of parsnips after the radishes and lettuce have been gathered.

and moist. If part of the soil is high, warm and dry, that is the proper location for early crops and those that need a quick, warm soil.

### Points to Consider.

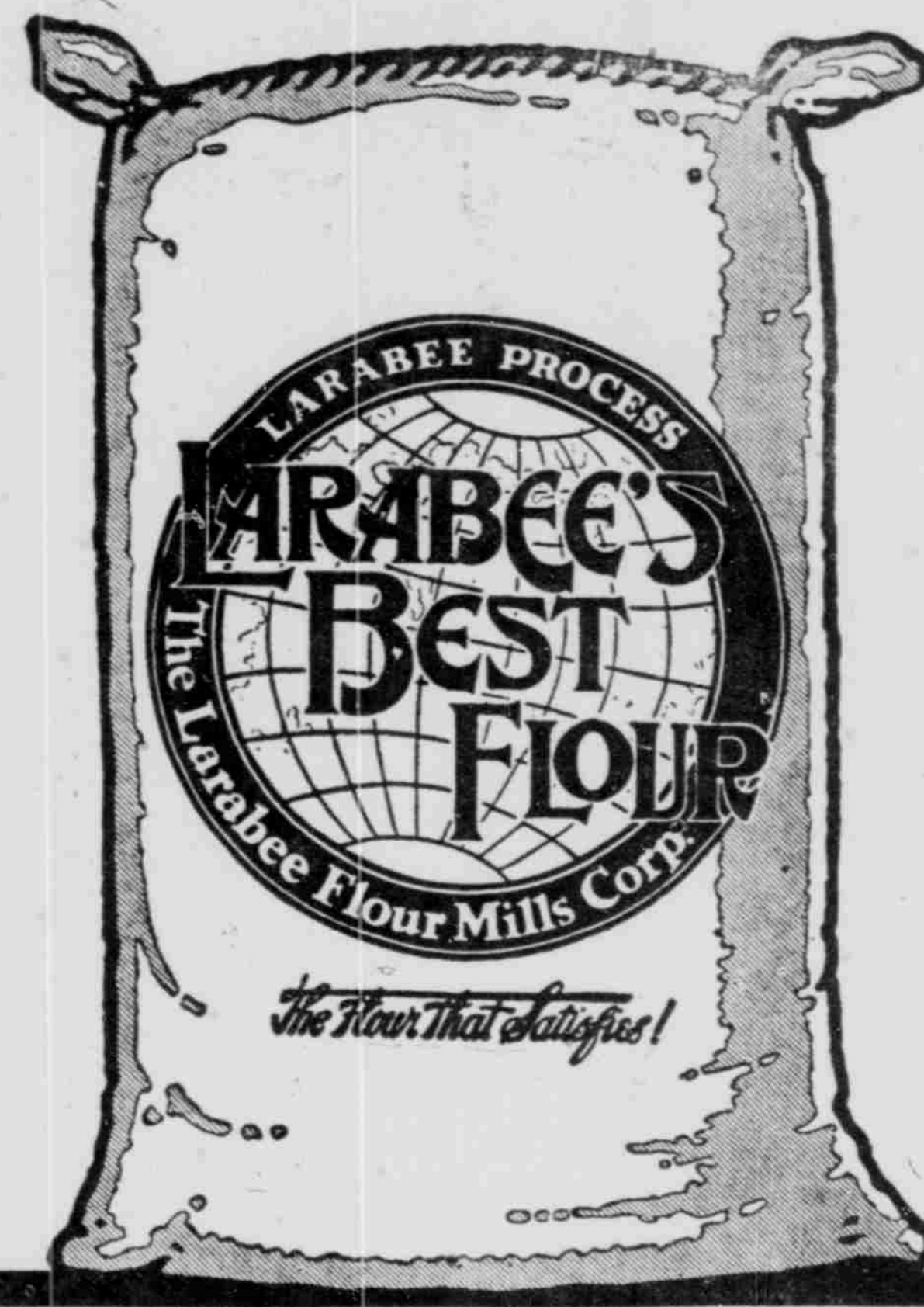
Remember these points in planning your garden:

A gentle slope toward the south or southeast is most desirable for the production of early crops. It is an advantage to have protection on the north and northeast by either a hill, a group of trees or hedge, buildings, a tight board fence or a stone wall to break the force of the wind.

The land should have sufficient drainage for surplus water to run off during heavy rains, but the fall should not be so great that the soil will be washed. Fill up holes in which water will accumulate. Avoid banks of a creek or stream liable to overflow.

A good fence around the garden plot is almost indispensable to keep out damaging animals.

The garden should be as near the kitchen as possible so that the work of caring for the crops may be done at odd times and so that the vegetables are quickly available to the housewife.



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